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**Applicant:** Bencini  
**Serial No.:** 09/548,465  
**Filing Date:** April 13, 2000  
**Title:** Steerable Device For  
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic  
Apparatus Into The Body  
**Group Art Unit:** 3763  
**Examiner:** Sirmons

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF DEFECTIVE OFFICE ACTION AND RESTARTING OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER MPEP 710.06

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action for the above-identified application mailed on September 25, 2002.

Applicant filed Information Disclosure Statements ("IDSs") on August 24, 2000 and June 26, 2001. Copies of the August 24, 2000 and June 26, 2001 IDSs, including the PTO form 1449s and date stamped postcard receipts, are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Although the Office Action indicates that a number of other IDSs have been considered, the Office Action does not include any indication that the August 24, 2000 and June 26, 2001 IDSs have been considered. Additionally, although the Office Action includes an initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08B that was filed with the June 3, 2002 IDS, the initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08A was not included with the Office Action.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the Examiner consider the August 24, 2000 and June 26, 2001 IDSs, initial the PTO form 1449s and return them to applicant with a supplemental Office Action. Applicant also requests that the Examiner

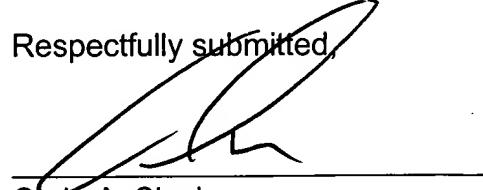
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provide an initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08A from the June 3, 2002 IDS. Applicant further requests that the Patent Office restart the previously set period for reply to run from the date the error is corrected.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

10/1/02  
Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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